

Jefferson County Home owners:

Enclosed please find two enclosures; 1) a map locating all volunteer fire districts in Jefferson County and 2) a list of fire chiefs that head up volunteer fire departments in the various districts. By using the legal description of your property (land your home and out buildings are located on) you can determine if you are in or out of a fire district. If your home is located within the boundaries of a fire district, you are paying for structure protection and the local volunteer fire department hopefully, will respond in time to put the fire out. If you are located outside the boundaries of a designated fire district, it is at the discretion of fire departments whether they respond or not. Jefferson County is NOT legally obligated to protect your home against fire...that is the homeowner's responsibility.

Protecting the forest and/or rangeland around your home...that is a different story. If there is a forest fire etc., the whole world will show up to put the fire out. BUT, if a fire were to start IN your home or something happened EXTURNAL of your home (other than a forest fire) that ignited your home, if you are not in a district and are not paying for fire protection, your home is probably going to burn.

Therefore, if you find you and your family are living outside the boundaries of a fire district you may want to contact the nearest fire chief (see enclosed list) and see what can be done about getting you some fire protection for your home.

If you have questions, please call 225-4025 and ask for a commissioner.

Tomas Lythgoe
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Board of Commissioners

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CC: Jefferson County Fire Chiefs

Jefferson County Fire Departments

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Basin VFD	Jackie Colombe	PO Box 119 Basin, Mt 59631	225 3839
Boulder Town VFD	Larry Jones	304 N. Main Boulder, MT 59632	949 9246 Cell 225 9957 Home
Bull Mtn VFD	Buster Bullock	PO Box 364 Boulder, MT 59634	225 3894
Clancy VFD	Brent Farrell	PO Box 157 Clancy, MT 59634	933 8472 Home 439 5439 Cell
Elk Park VFD	Mike Zemljak	19 Lumberjack Rd Butte, MT 59701	494 2058
Jefferson City VFD	Chris Bruskie	PO Box 56 Jefferson City, MT 59638 PO Box 217 (for Chris)	933 8265 Home 447 3919 Work 431 0110 Cell 431 8078 Work/Cell
Jefferson Valley/ Whitehall Town	Richard Strauss	PO Box 198 Whitehall, MT 59759	287 5847 490 0118 Cell
Montana City VFD	Rick Abraham	56 Hill Brothers Rd Montana City, MT 59634	449 8637 Home 431 9171 Cell
Willow Creek VFD	George Reich	PO Box 195-W Willow Creek MT 59760	285 6675 580 6675 Cell 522 5930 Page
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<u>County Fire Warden</u>	Pat McKelvey	2850 Grizzly Gulch Dr Helena, MT 59601	447 8225 Work 443 2253 Home 949 2184 Cell
Deputy	Rick Abraham	See Above	
Deputy	Stacey Bellamy		285 6545 Home 522 5920 Pager
<u>Helena Interagency Dispatch Center</u>		To Report a Fire	449 5475 444 4244
<u>County DES Coordinator</u>	Sally Buckles		225 4211 949 8646 Cell

Jefferson County Rural Fire Districts

